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### REFORMS IN RUSSIA.

The gathering of representatives of the Russian Zematvos at St. Petersburg is an event that will be followed with deep interest throughout the world. The question is, is this gathering the dawn of representative government in Russia? This will appear, as the proceedings of that assembly pro-

The Zemstvo is an institution representing a certain district, and consists of a representative assembly, presided over by an elected executive. This assembly is supposed to have large powers in the matter of taxation, and in questions relating to education, publie improvements, public sanitation, and so on, but those acquainted with Ruseian conditions claim that their powers are so curtailed, as to reduce them to the position of tools to the provincial governors, who have the power of onnulling their decisions, whenever these appear to be in conflict with the policy of the central government. And disobedience is promptly punished. The result is the utter impossibility of the Zemstvos to engage in independent labor for the people in a liberal spirit.

The gathering in St. Petersburg marks a new departure. The Zemstvo delegates are thoroughly acquainted with the conditions of the people in their various districts, and they are in | TO LEARN AND LET LEARN. a position to suggest needed reforms in government methods. But, will they be permitted to speak? And if so, will they be heard? That remains to be

It is a good omen that the Russian press has just now commenced to speak more freely than ever, for liberal reforms. Thus one of the leading publicists of the country is quoted as follows, by the Literary Digest:

"The 'danger' of 'thinking aloud' is not only greatly exaggerated, but is contradicted by actual experience. Take Germany—the home of free-thinking. Has not thought been broken up there into a hundred thousand greads and into a hundred thousand creeds and tendencies? Mas not each doctrine its antithetical doctrine? And yet, with all this, is not Germany the most unifled country in the world? Accord freedom of speech, they tell us, and an-archy will ensue-people will cease to understand one another. Is this so? What is the teaching of Europe, America, Australia, even Japan, with their four or five hundred millions of educated humanity? Anarchy, if you will, 'goes' in Turkey, in Persia, in China, in the center of Africa, while the strictest, most settled order we find in the free countries—England, Germany. etc. And all nature confirms the exper-

Such doctrine, though sound, could not have been preached in Russia during the administration of Von Plehve. That it is tolerated now augurs well for the future of the country,

### LET US GIVE THANKS.

A morning contemporary doubts the possibility of carrying out the suggestion of Governor Wells anent the obpervation of Thanksgiving day, by "forgetting the possible acrimonies and animosities of everyday life, and substituting therefor on this one occasion, at least, a feeling of generous charity toward our fellow-men." The contemporary referred to asks:

"But how can it be carried out! Which shall issue the invitation to the other to the festal Thanksgiving board, President Joseph F. Smith or Charles Mostyn Owen? Shall Apostle Reed Smoot or Frank J. Cannon be the first to extend the invitation to good cheer Shall the editor of the 'News' and the editor of the Tribune make their strife only as to which for that occasion shall serve the other with the cut of the bird

We would not have cared to notice this specimen of thanksgiving sentiment but for the opportunity it affords of pointing out a misconception concerning the true situation here, which some naturally entertain. The paragraph quoted presupposes that two hostile camps here stand against each other, ready to maim and kill, as the two armies in their respective trenches at Mukden. This is the misconception. If there is any enmity, it is all in one

We believe we can state that neither President Joseph F. Smith, nor Apostle Reed Smoot, nor any one connected with the Church, entertains the least feeling of bitterness or hostility to any of their fellow-men. Why should they? Those whose sole aim is to do good, according to the light and opportunities they possess, have no time to nurse ani-

mosities, This simplifies matters. If those who are conscious of being inspired by sentiments of enmity will change their minds, and direct their efforts toward the building up of the State, instead of

tearing down imaginary enemies. Thanksgiving can be observed in the spirit recommended by Governor Wells. And why should not all who live in Utah, and are the beneficiaries of its splendid climate and inexhaustible resources, unite in making the State one of the most blessed in the Union? Some, of course, will always magnify their personal interests at the expense of those of the public. But the people in general can profitably leave such persons to their own little schemes and preferences, and join hands in labor for the common good. Only in that spirit can Thanksgiving day be acceptably

### THE OMNIPRESENT MICROBE

The State board of health of Kentucky is said to have placed the plush scats of railroad cars under ban because of the difficulty of keeping them free from dust, and the microbes that are supposed to thrive in the dust. Much can, no doubt, be said in favor of this precaution, but as a general rule, is it not time to take a rational view of the microbe question? A Berlin scientist has recently declared that if the bacteria mania is allowed to contique its full sway the whole social order of things will be radically changed, and for the worse. And this can be readily believed. We are cautioned against the use of telephones, because of the microbes on the mouthpiece, Taking meals at restaurants, it has been said, is extremely dangerous, since nobody knows who has used the plates, glassware, etc. And then, it is almost suicide to go to a public meeting, if some "scientists" can be believed. For the breathing of others sets microbes in motion. If only half of the dangers of microbes are real riding in trolley car railway coaches, or reading books from public libraries, or magazines should be avoided. Fruits and breadstuffs purchased at public shops, breakfast foods, butchers' meat, confectionery may be fatal. Writing letters or telegrams and opening them are risky things to do. Wearing clothes made by tailors or dressmakers or purchased ready made should be never thought of. And to kiss your baby, except after thorough disinfection should never be attempted by a fond mother.

That is about the present status of the microbe mania. Undoubtedly there are bacteria injurious to higher forms of life, and these must be fought with all the means at the service of advanced science. But at the same time, the fact should not be lost sight of that, to keep the body in as nearly perfect physical condition as possible, and to keep mind and soul pure, are most effeetive tactics in the war against bacteria. Nature provides defenses. Where these are weak, or broken down, the invaders are sure to find an easy entrance. Is there anything "unnatural" in the promise, "If they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them?" Not to those who are in perfect harmony with the laws of nature.

pines, though but a few years have passed since it was taken in hand by American educators, shows encouraging progress. There are now, it is stated, 200,600 children in the day schools, 10,000 children and adults in the night schools, 600 students in the Normal school in Manifa, 500 in the trade school, and 200 in the educational school: making a total of 211,300 Filtpinos who are enjoying the benefits of education.

One feature of the education of the Filipinos is this that an ever increasing number of pupils are studying the English language, which will, in the course of a few years, become the language chiefly spoken in the islands. This is exceedingly favorable to the spread of American civilization in the islands.

But another feature of American educational effort is of still more importance. A corps of scientists has recently been sent to the islands for the purpose of showing the Filipinos how to produce the products that we must purchase from tropical countries, because they cannot be grown in the United States. So fast as the islanders are educated in the arts of production, their tropical products will find a ready and a profitable market in the United States; and in this way American prosperity will be shared with the

The United States also hopes to learn much from the Filipinos. Two young physicians have gone to the islands to study disease germs with the object of finding remedles. The two young men who have gone out from the Harvard medical school to study conditions in the Philippines are Dr. W. R. Brinckerhoff and Dr. E. E. Tyzzer. They expect to find more about this matter in the Philippines than they could here because of the greater freedom they will have in vivisection, that is, the experimentation on animals. There are monkeys there and monkeys have so close and often identical physiological correspondences with the higher anthropoids that an

experiment on them has much to teach. This is not exactly pleasant to contemplate, but the point is, that this country and the Philippines will not remain strangers to one another. Both will find that they have educational, commercial, and scientific aims in common, and they will be more, and more closely united.

Some big sticks will be needed for the big masts for the big navy.

The football season has closed. It has been more safe and sane than

What is it and what next?--Louisville Courier, 'Tis as 'tis and it can't be any 'tiser.

There is nothing like football to determine the question of the survival of the fittest.

As Thanksgiving day approaches the price of turkeys goes up. Nothing to be thankful for in that.

Those Italian anti-Austrian demon-

strators made "Rome howl," But their howl was worse than their bite.

When the regrading on East South Temple street is finished, the wise citizen will look before he leaps.

Pension Commissioner Ware, having resigned, stands upon the order of going instead of going at once.

Young Rockefeller says that riches bring no happinėss. Perhaps not: but as the politicians would say, they bring 'something equally good."

The naval estimate for the next fiscal year is \$114.520.628. There is nothing small about your Uncle Samuel when It comes to "doing" things,

Up to date thirteen bunters have been killed and six wounded in the woods of Minnesota and Wisconsin. The number of deer bagged is not stated. On the pedestal of the statue to Fred.

ericy the Great, just creeted in the war college grounds at Washington, there is no reference to the partition of Po-

General Miles rises to say that he still has faith in the American people. People will be glad to know this, but wherein does the general differ in this regard, from the rest of the \$2,000,000 Americans?

The meeting of the presidents of the Russian zemstvo is tolerated, not recognized. It is not much but it is something; and tolerance is the acorn from which the mighty oak, Liberty,

"It is to be hoped that Judge Parker will not imitate Mr. Bryan and start a weekly paper," says the Cleveland Plain Dealer. Some papers, like some people, are never satisfied. Suppose Mr. Bryan had started a daily.

The Knights of Labor convention adopted, unanimously, a resolution in favor of back pay for men who have worked over time on government work way back in 1869-70. What a splendid scheme to wipe out a surplus and create a deficit of unknown dimensions.

inauguration expenses next March will be \$150,000, it is estimated. They are all paid by the citizens of Washington who will charge the people who go to the national capital for the event \$1,150,000. No people in all the world know so well and thoroughly as do the Washingtonians how to "do" visitors during inauguration week.

The City Council has decided to take a hand in the matter of sidewalk grades. It is a proper decision, and should result in more consideration for property owners. After all the convenience and welfare of the citizen is of first importance. Everything now seems to be in a fair way for an adjustment that is agreeable to all parties

Rev. Dr. David H. Greer, bishop coadjutor of the Protestant Episcopal di ocese of New York, says: "This widespread divorce evil is the wasting sickness in our national life, calling for immediate and heroic treatment. It is the growing and spreading cancer spot in the nation's body, whose only remedy is the knife. You may not temporize with it. It must be cut out by the roots." Let the X rays be turned on it and see if it cannot be cured.

"An alleged 'non-partisan' plan has been sprung which is, in fact, a bipartisan plan to nominate for the school board; the two old parties, both under Mormon control, purpose leading the voters into the tithing yard at the schol election next month. It is an old scheme, and one which has done much harm to the schools of the city," says the organ of the New Liberal party. It claims to have made no assaults on any church, and in view of such claim we should be glad to know if that one is argument or insinuation.

The Utah Pioneer has managed to survive the "great campaign." In its current issue it calls attention to the complaining whine with which a local contemporary announces that the "Jack Mormon" is praying that the Church be dealt a body blow, "without the moral courage to assist in administering that blow." Some citizens were undoubtedly drawn into the vortex of opposition by the false representations that no crusade against a church was planned. These should understand that if they have not the "moral courage" to deal the CHURCH "a body blow," they are, in the estimation of the chief strife breeder-"Jack Mormons."

It was a fine tribute to the American electorate that Mr. James Bryce paid after witnessing the presidential election. "I was the spectator," he says while fifteen million citizens cast their vote for the form of government which they desired. The results were announced, and there was no rioting or expression of chagrin. The spectacle was something to be proud of. . . The election was the realization of the prophecy of that writer who told of the day when the will of the people should be reached by counting heads, instead of breaking them.'

It is estimated that the total cost of the election this year amounts to \$22,-500,000. Of this sum the Republican national committee is said to have spent about \$3,000,000 and the Democratic national committee approximately \$2,000,-000. The various state committees have spent the difference between the total of these sums and the grand total. When we congratulate ourselves on the economy of our democratic institutions. as compared with those of the old monarchies, we generally forget the cost of elections. But a great republic can afford to have an expensive election machinery, as long as it works in accordance with the purpose of the foun-

A young Filipino student at the Illinois State Normal school, who is being educated by the government, has been criticising the friars in the islands. Objection was made to this by Rev. J. J

ders of the government.

Burke of Bloomington, where the school is located, and he took the matter up with the war department, with the result that he received a letter saying that the utterances of the Filipino were not approved and that he would be vigorously censured. The case is almost certain to cause more or less comment for surely the boy was within an American's rights whether or no he was within the rights of a Filipino being educated in America at the government's expense. If the student is a young man and not a mere youth, it would be interesting to know what impression the reprimand left on his mind.

### HAWAHAN IS LANDS.

Springfield Republican. Haweii has an area of about 6,000 square miles of land, and a population of 150,000, but the little island group can easily accommodate 1,000,000 people, says an editor of the Hawaiian Daily Star, who is in the States urging an emigration to the archipelago. Someow or other these oversea acquisitions of ours are not filling up with Americans to anything like the extent which had been expected. Emigration has to be urged, and then it does not move. One trouble is that we have a pretty sparcely settled territory here at home to take care of

### THE PARENT PROBLEM.

McClure's.

If you have never taught school you probably imagine that the most important problems in education consist in the solution of such questions as the re-lation of the state to the schools, the secularization of the schools and the application of correct principles in the application of correct principles in the instruction to the development of the child. I did, once. Then I began to teach. At the end of a year I knew that the problem, the all-pervading, an over-shadowing problem, was "the parent." Weekly, sometimes daily, was my ingenuity taxed to its utmost to t, and if possible vanquish, the indifferent parent, the inconsiderate parent, the meddlesome parent, the fond parent, the proud parent, the trouble-some parent, the irate parent, the ig-norant parent, and the enlightened parent, but in the end the parent prevalled

### THE MEXICAN WAY.

San Francisco Chronicle. Mexico has a way of its own of dealing with locomotive engineers re-sponsible for collisions in which human life is sacrificed. Last spring a colli-sion occurred on one of the railways in which several lives were lost. Recently the engineer of one of the trains who was held responsible for the collision was sentenced to four years' imprisonment. In California train hands re-sponsible for similar accidents on the rail escape by being simply discharged from the company's service.

### RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

McIntosh Magazine is in every respec a gem of art. On every page, including the cover, there is something to please. In this number are found seyeral colored panels, a number of por-traits, panoramic views, etc. The editorial is a little essay on the text, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," a little Christmas sermon, brief and to the point. The entire number has a Christmas touch and brings with it the spirit of that season.—The Burr Pub. Co., 4 West, Twenty-second St., New

vember 17th the Earl of Aberdeen, for-merly governor-general of Canada, tells of the organization and work of "The Boys' Brigade," of which he is presi-The object of the organization is to promote all that makes for manli-ness, and this is greatly helped by the employment of military methods of dis-cipline. In Great Britain and Ireland alone the strength of the Brigade is more than a thousand companies, and the movement is said to have taken a good hold in the United States.

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